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Applicant: Roger Cecil Ferry TUCKER,) Re: Preliminary Amendment  
et al. )  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Patent Application  
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Sir:

The above-identified application is a divisional of pending prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/423,758 filed on February 16, 2000, which is the U.S. National Stage of PCT International Patent Application No. PCT/GB98/01414 (filed on May 15, 1998). This paper is being filed as a Preliminary Amendment to the above-identified Application being filed concurrently herewith. Prior to the examination of the above-identified Application, it is respectfully requested that the amendments presented below be made to the Application. **All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.